

WEATHER: For Kentucky
Tuesday, rain or snow.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

PROMISED TOO MUCH.

In his speech to the Murray mob, Gov. Stanley is reported to have promised them, "I will see that Martin is brought back here and that he is tried here by a Calloway county jury." This promise is one that we doubt very much the wisdom of the Governor in making it. It does not seem possible under existing conditions for Martin to get a fair trial in Murray so early as Feb. 5. Almost any jury selected would be influenced one way or another by the mob sentiment, that it took all of the diplomacy of Judge Bush and all of the eloquence of Gov. Stanley to control even temporarily, with promises from both that the negro would be returned. The Governor stepped in and kept Judge Bush from keeping his promise and saved the State from the expense of having to protect the negro upon his return by a posse of non-resident citizens. There has been more or less grand stand playing at the expense of Judge Bush, whose clear head and calm courage saved the negro's life from a mob parading the streets, ropes in hand and faces unmasked, thirsting for his blood. In three weeks' time Judge Bush must return, handicapped by a promise of the Governor that ought not to be kept. It is possible to try the negro in Murray by summoning a jury from some other county and letting the Governor send a military force strong enough to protect judge and jurors from threats and attempts at intimidation. But if the law is to be carried out and the negro—murderer as he may be—given a fair trial, there ought to be a change of venue to some other county not subject to periodical outbreaks of lawlessness even worse than murder. The destruction of even the courts of law, the assassination of officials and the burning of property were mere incidents in the program of crimes laid out by the leaders of the Calloway mob to show their contempt for the law. The members of the mob are still there to be dealt with and it should be done in one of two ways. The court officers should be given an armed force sufficient not only to protect the negro but to make it possible to prosecute the members of the mob themselves, who publicly attempted to create a reign of terror. Or if this is not to be done, then it is the duty of Judge Bush to handle the situation as it should be handled, and take the case elsewhere, regardless of the Governor's promises, and give the prisoner a change of venue to some county where a trial can be held according to law. If there are no troops available, the case might be tried in Eddyville, where there is at least an organized body of prison guards capable of rendering aid in emergencies.

Don't forget to feed the birds.

Members of the Bluegrass Publishers and Printers' Association decided at a meeting to make their purchases of news print paper on a co-operative basis.

The attitude of President Wilson toward replies of warring nations to his "peace" note was undetermined after conference with the Cabinet and others, it is stated. The problem confronting the President is declared to be to reconcile the conflicting attitudes of the Central Powers and the Entente Allies. It is reported that Germany is willing to confer with President Wilson and even consider in conference the condition stated in the Entente reply.

This morning will be laid to rest, beneath the snow-covered soil of his adopted State, one of the bravest "boys in gray," who followed Stonewall Jackson and when that great leader fell fought on to the end. No braver soldier wore the gray than Thos. R. Hancock. He fought in many of the bloodiest battles of the Virginia, always with sublime courage, and more than once was shot down on the field of battle. He leaves to his sons an honored name and a legacy of heroism of priceless value. Peace to his ashes.

GALLANT
OLD SOLDIEROf the Lost Cause Mustered
Into the Great Beyond
Sunday Night.

MR. THOMAS R. HANCOCK

One of Stonewall Jackson's
Men Will Be Laid to
Rest To-day.

Mr. Thomas R. Hancock, the veteran tobaccoist, died at his home on West 13th street at 11 o'clock Sunday night, aged 76 years. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and in his latter years suffered from the effects of wounds received in battle.

He was born in Charlotte county, Va., in January 1842, and enlisted as a boy of 19 in the Army of Virginia and served throughout the war in Gen. Stonewall Jackson's command. He was promoted for gallantry, to the rank of lieutenant. He came to Kentucky soon after the war, a splendid specimen of robust young manhood. He came to Hopkinsville in 1875 and became a member of the tobacco warehouse firm of Hancock, Fraser & Ragsdale. The same year he was married to Miss Rebecca Ragsdale, who survives him with their four sons—Wm. M. Hancock, manager of the American Snuff Co.'s local plant; Judge J. Wallace Hancock, of the tobacco firm of J. W. Hancock & Co.; Douglas B. Hancock, secretary and treasurer of the Hancock Warehouse Co., and Thos. R. Hancock, Jr., of Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Hancock was a man of powerful physique, weighing 300 pounds. He was remarkably handsome and his affability and jovial manner made every one his friend. His old wounds began to trouble him several years ago and he had grown feeble and walked with difficulty. He retired from active business and lived with his son, Wallace, on Thirteenth street. Funeral service will be held at the family residence this morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Geo. C. Abbott, of Grace Episcopal church, will officiate, assisted by Dr. Lewis Powell, of the Methodist church. The interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

CLARKSVILLE MARKET.

Wednesday's loose floor sales broke the record when Thomas Edwards and Sons sold leaf for \$14, being the highest paid for leaf in this sale. A. C. Stafford received \$10.50, the highest paid for lugs, and R. W. Bogard received \$7.90 for for suckers, this being the highest price paid Wednesday for suckers. Close to 200,000 pounds of tobacco was sold over three floors.—Leaf-Chronicle.

FIRST SALE AT SPRINGFIELD.

The first loose leaf sale of tobacco at Springfield, Tenn., is advertised for today. It is estimated that 500,000 pounds will be sold.

TOP PRICE.

T. W. Garnett a few days ago sold his wheat crop at \$1.96, the highest price paid on the local market. Other crops have recently been sold at high prices. H. and L. Golladay, of Graycey, sold 920 bushels at \$1.80.

FARM LOAN LAW.

Hon. M. O. Hughes, of Bowling Green, addressed a large crowd of farmers at the H. B. M. A. Friday afternoon, explaining the Farm Loan Law. A number of business men were also present.

DR. BEAZLEY

.....SPECIALIST.....

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

SUIT AGAINST
HER MOTHERFor \$50,000 Damages For
Sending Her To The
Asylum.

OTHERS MADE PARTIES

Mrs. Bernice Morton Erkiletian
Plaintiff In Big
Damage Suit.

Mrs. Bernice M. Erkiletian, through her attorney John Feland, has filed suit for damages of \$50,000 against A. L. Bannister and Mrs. Ethel M. Bannister, of Princeton, her mother, and Dr. J. W. Stephens, of Deland, Fla.

Mrs. Erkiletian charges that the defendants were responsible for her being sent to the Western State Hospital as a lunatic when she was not mentally unbalanced or in any condition at all warranting such procedure.

She says the inquiry was held on November 29, 1915, and at the hearing it was represented that it would be dangerous for her to be present; that she had been a lunatic for three months; that she was subject to epileptic fits; that she was hostile to her relatives; and that she had made threats and had a tendency to injure herself and others.

She declares that all of this was absolutely false and without foundation.

She charges that she was arrested at the home of a friend where she was calling and taken by force to the asylum where she remained for a period of thirty-three days, during which time she was ill two weeks of lagrippe. She says she was never treated while there for any mental trouble and that it was upon information given by the then superintendent, Dr. H. P. Sights, that she was mentally all right and the asylum was no proper place for her, that her relatives and friends removed her.

On February 10 she says another inquest was held and the jury declared by their verdict she was of thoroughly sound mind.

TWO FEET
OF SNOWSHave Already Fallen This
Winter--Zero Weather
Sunday.

Last week's spell of bad weather culminated in a snowstorm Friday night that continued with occasional let-ups until stopped Saturday night by a cold wave that sent the mercury down to 6 degrees below zero Sunday morning. The snow was from 10 to 11 inches deep on a level, the heaviest fall for several years. There was not five hours of daylight Saturday when snow was not falling and as a result there was no general cleaning off of the sidewalks. Some did it but others waited for it to quit snowing. It was bright enough Sunday, but the snow ordinance came in conflict with the Sunday laws and there was no hired work done. Nevertheless many people cleaned their own sidewalks, while others waited until yesterday, only to find that 2 inches more had fallen Sunday night. The deep snow and zero weather coming together caused much suffering where people were not prepared for the sudden change. Coal wagons were running all day Sunday and much work had to be done by plumbers on account of frozen pipes. The following is the record of snows so far this winter:

Dec. 16	3 inches
Dec. 18	4 inches
Dec. 21	6 inches
Jan. 11	1 inch
Jan. 13	10 inches
Jan. 15	2 inches
Total	26 inches

On Feb. 2, 1886, the "deep snow" fell to a depth of 26 inches.

PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting will be held at the H. B. M. A. headquarters this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, to which the business men and citizens generally are invited. The object being to take action in regard to the unwarranted attacks made on Judge Chas. H. Bush, by the Louisville papers, in regard to the Murray mob last week. The public is invited.

HERALD
RETRACTSBut Courier-Journal Has Not
Made Amende Honor-
able.

The statement of Commonwealth Attorney Denny P. Smith, of Cadiz, explaining the circumstances under which Judge C. H. Bush, of Hopkinsville, promised the mob at Murray Wednesday that he would order Lube Martin a negro returned to Murray from Paducah the next day, places the Judge in a much more favorable light before the public, and belies the alleged interview with the Judge published in a Louisville newspaper.

Prosecutor Smith vigorously defends the court officials and asserts that both he and Judge Bush would have sacrificed their own lives before they would have permitted the mob to have lynched the negro prisoner. He says that he and Judge Bush had arranged to give the prisoner ample protection and that they had been promised armed support by an adequate number of good citizens of Calloway County. He said that Judge Bush "altho for four hours in imminent peril, did not yield to the mob which demanded the negro or the life of the Judge," and that the Judge did, with the Prosecutor's consent, agree to order the prisoner returned the next day to Murray and complete the hearing of the motion to continue the case upon a guarantee, not from the mob, but from a committee of the best citizens of Murray, that sufficient number of good citizens of Calloway county would be summoned and armed to protect the prisoner.

The Herald, having read the alleged interview attributed to Judge Bush and, believing at that time that it was genuine, promptly criticized the Judge in an editorial, deploring that the bench in Kentucky should be so discredited. Now that the interview has been repudiated by Judge Bush, The Herald unhesitatingly retracts its characterization of the Judge, published in its editorial of Friday morning, and expresses its regret that thru this misunderstanding it should have been led to challenge the courage of a man of Judge Bush's high character.

Judge Bush has been a practicing attorney at Hopkinsville for years and has made a wide reputation as a successful practitioner. He was appointed as Judge of his district when Judge J. T. Hanbery died last year and, offering for the place to fill out the five years remaining of Judge Hanbery's term, he received the Democratic nomination without opposition, and was elected by the largest majority ever known in the district. Since taking his seat on the bench, his decisions have been fully up to the high standard which were expected of him in view of his long experience, his recognized legal ability and his strict integrity.—Louisville Herald.

Denny P. Smith, on Friday night sent the telegram below to both the Herald and the Courier-Journal, warning them that they had been guilty of criminal libel. The Courier-Journal has not yet retracted.

Smith's telegram: "I presume you are fully advised as to the facts of Judge C. H. Bush's action in the face of the Murray mob. Your editorial of today amounts to a libel of Judge Bush. I think you should correct and retract the infamy you have cast upon the name of this brave and honest Judge. And unless you do retract and correct it editorially and as fully as you published it, it may become my duty to test the power of

HONOR FOR
DR. ISBELLIs Made President of the
Kentucky Veterinary As-
sociation.

HONOR WELL BESTOWED

Hopkinsville Often Called Up-
on To Furnish State
Leaders.

In the election of Dr. G. P. Isbell as President of the State Veterinary Association, Hopkinsville has had another high honor conferred. Dr. Isbell is one of the three local men who have been put at the head of their respective state organizations quite recently. Robt. A. Cook, President of the State Board of Control, and Lucian H. Davis, Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, were the others. There is hardly a state organization of any society, profession or trade, that has not elected one or more of its highest officers from Hopkinsville.

Dr. Isbell, as head of the State veterinarians, will bring to the duties of the position a fitness for the place equal to that of any man who has preceded him. He thoroughly understands the science to which he is devoting his energies and using his talents.

Other officers elected were: First vice president, Dr. M. A. Purdy, of Shelbyville; second vice president, Dr. W. H. Simmons, of Louisville; third vice president, Dr. R. B. Smoot, of Madisonville; secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. E. Westmoreland, of Owensboro. Special committee on legislation: Dr. S. F. Musselman, state veterinarian; Dr. W. H. Simmons, of Louisville; Dr. O. S. Crisler, of Lexington.

Two meetings will be held during the year, one at Shelbyville on June 20 and 21, and one in Louisville on September 3 and 4. Both of these will be for the purpose of discussions, holding clinics, etc.

PYTHIANS
HAVE FUNAnnual Pig Supper Followed
By Round of Witty
Speeches.

The Knights of Pythias gave their annual "pig supper" Friday night, and a substantial and highly enjoyable menu was served on the long tables in the dining room. After dinner speeches were made by Prof. L. E. Foster, Dr. C. M. Thompson, Dr. Lewis Powell, G. L. Campbell, Bailey Waller, H. A. Long, Ira D. Smith and Rev. F. F. Walters.

Prof. Foster was toastmaster and his bright and humorous introductions were a feature of the program.

The committee in charge was composed of Geo. W. Walker, Clarence E. Harris, Clark Adams, Herman Johnson, James Wolfe and H. E. Wiley.

MONEY FOR TEACHERS.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 13.—V. O. Gilbert, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is sending the January installment due teachers to the school superintendents for distribution. Because of the failure of some of the county school superintendents to properly make the file bonds, Supt. Gilbert was forced to hold up checks in about thirty counties until the bonds are made and accepted by the department.

the law to redeem Judge Bush's good name by punishment of your paper and the writer of said editorial for criminal libel.

"DENNY P. SMITH,
Commonwealth's Attorney,
Third Judicial District."

BATTLE CRUISER
IS DESTROYEDJapanese War Ships Blows
Up in Harbor of Yokosuka
With Loss of 153 Lives.

VESSEL OF 13,000 TONS

Italians Announce They Have
Captured Two Subma-
rines From Austria.

Tokio, Jan. 15.—The Japanese battle cruiser Tsukuba was destroyed by an explosion Sunday in the harbor of Yokosuka. Fire on the Tsukuba caused the magazine to blow up.

One hundred and fifty-three members of the crew of the Tsukuba were killed and 157 injured, many of them seriously. Numerous members of the ship's company were rescued from the water. Most of the officers of the cruiser were ashore. The cause of the explosion is not known.

The Tsukuba was laid down in 1906 and displaced 13,750 tons.

CAPTURE TWO SUBMARINES.

Rome, Jan. 15.—The capture of two submarines is reported in an announcement from the war office. The statement in part follows:

"The enemy submarine VC-12, which the German navy ceded to Austria-Hungary, has fallen into our hands and become a unit of our torpedo squadron. Another enemy submarine, the VT-12, belonging to the Austro-Hungarian navy, also is in our possession."

Under fierce attacks the Teutonic allies have made further progress against the Russians along the Sereth southwest of Galatz, capturing the village of Kotumikali and also the town of Vadani on the railroad between Braila and Galatz, six miles from Galatz.

Petrograd reports the repulse of the Austro-Germans at various other points in Rumania, notably north of the Saloni river, south of the Oituz river and in the river Raduleaci, to the east of Fokshani.

On the northern end of the Russian front in the vicinity of Riga, the Germans delivered a heavy attack against the Russians east of Kalnzen, but were repulsed.

On the other fronts, the usual artillery engagements and small operations by patrol and reconnoitering parties continue.

DOCTORS TODAY.

The Christian County Medical Society will meet today at the library.

A very interesting program has been prepared for this meeting as follows:

La Grippe—Dr. G. W. Loran, Crofton, Ky.

Pneumonia—Dr. O. E. Wright, Kelly, Ky.

Dr. D. H. Erkiletian, Early detection of Nephritis.

Dr. Reynolds—Subject not given. The meeting will be called at 1:30 p. m.

A telephone has been installed, so those wanting their physician at this hour can call 992 and he can be reached immediately, if he is in attendance upon the meeting.

Murray Soldier Killed.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 15.—The body of Lieut. Gibson Hale, of L. Company Third Kentucky Infantry, who was accidentally killed on Saturday evening while he and Capt. King, of K. Company, were handling a small caliber shotgun, will be sent from El Paso today. Sergt. William V. Heff, brother of the deceased, will accompany the body to the family home at Murray. Capt. King, who was handling the weapon at the time it was accidentally discharged, was brought up over the death of his friend that the regimental surgeon administered an opiate to him Saturday night.

Dr. Rudd has moved his office to the Dalton building, cor. 7th and Virginia.—Advertisement.